

AMENDMENTS TO ISPM No. 5 (GLOSSARY OF PHYTOSANITARY TERMS)

The Standards Committee agreed to the following proposals made by the Glossary Working Group (GWG) in relation to new or revised terms in ISPM No. 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*). A brief explanation is given for each proposal. For revised terms and definitions, explanations of the changes made to the last approved definition are also given. It is suggested that comments should relate to these changes.

1. NEW TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 Phytosanitary security; integrity (of a consignment)

Background

These two terms/definitions were proposed new terms/definitions sent out for country consultation in 2004. In light of the country comments, the SC returned *phytosanitary integrity* to the GWG. The definition for *security* was presented to ICPM-7, but the ICPM requested the GWG to review the term in light of comments provided at the ICPM.

The following points may be considered when reviewing the definitions below:

- there is a relationship between *security* and *integrity* and there would be several possibilities to link the terms with each other, recognizing that *integrity* relates to what is written on the PC.
- it is proposed that *integrity* would cover the physical state of the consignment as declared on the PC, and *security*, as in the sense of article IV.2g of the IPPC would cover composition, substitution and reinfestation, i.e. both maintenance of integrity and prevention of reinfestation.
- it is noted that the IPPC uses the phrase "phytosanitary security", which is therefore used in this proposal.

Proposed definitions

phytosanitary security	Maintenance of the integrity of a consignment, without loss or substitution, and prevention of its infestation, by the appropriate phytosanitary measures
integrity (of a consignment)	Composition of a consignment as described by its Phytosanitary Certificate or other document

2. REVISED TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 Buffer zone

Background

A revised definition of buffer zone was approved at ICPM-7 as part of ISPM No. 22 (*Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence*). The ICPM recommended that the GWG review it to consider some additional comments.

The following points are made in relation to the proposed definition:

- it is noted that the maintenance of a buffer zone requires application of measures. However, these are not necessarily phytosanitary measures (since a country may want to maintain a buffer zone for a pest which is not a regulated pest for that country, i.e. for which only domestic measures are applied).
- there is no need to list in the definitions all the different types of areas to which buffer zone could apply (unlike in the previous definition), but a generic wording *area officially delimited for phytosanitary purposes* is proposed.

Proposed definition

buffer zone	An area surrounding or adjacent to an area officially delimited for phytosanitary purposes, subjected to control measures to minimize the risk of spread of a target pest in or out of the delimited area
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2.2 Compliance procedure (for a consignment)

Background

The definition for *compliance procedure (for a consignment)* was presented to ICPM-7, but the ICPM requested the GWG to review it in light of comments provided at the ICPM.

The following point may be considered when reviewing the definition below:

- compliance procedures (for a consignment) would check compliance with import requirements, for which the PC was issued.

Proposed definition

compliance procedure (for a consignment)	Official procedure used to verify that a consignment complies with phytosanitary import requirements
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3. REVIEW OF DEFINITIONS IN ISPM No. 3 (2005)

ICPM-7 adopted the revised ISPM No. 3 (2005) and decided that the GWG should review the new/revised definitions in the standard taking account of comments submitted (by Uruguay) during ICPM on some of the terms. After review of comments received on the terms/definitions, the GWG proposed that the existing definitions for *beneficial organism*, *biological control agent*, *host range*, *natural enemy*, *sterile insect technique*, *organism* should not be changed. In the two cases below, modifications to the definitions were proposed.

3.1 Biological control

Background

The comment proposed that sterile insects should be added to the definition, and this was considered appropriate.

Proposed definition

biological control	Pest control strategy making use of living natural enemies, antagonists, competitors, sterile insects or other biological control agents.
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3.2 Reference specimen(s)

Background

The comment proposed deletion of the term and definition. The GWG observed that the definition is useful, but that the definition in ISPM No. 3 (2005) restricts it to biological control agents. Reference specimen could also be used in other contexts, such as diagnostics (and not *from a specific population conserved in a reference culture collection*). It is proposed that the term should be changed to add (*of a biological control agent*). The definition would remain as in ISPM No. 3.

Proposed definition

reference specimen(s) (of a biological control agent)	Individual specimen(s) from a specific population conserved in a reference culture collection and, where possible, in publicly available collection(s)
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